

AN ANGRY PRIEST

Beat Up a Parishioner Whom He Found In A Sunday Saloon.

A BUSINESS MAN

Found Drinking In A Back Room With a Woman Is Denounced To His Congregation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Very Rev. Dean McNulta of Paterson, after morning mass yesterday took one of his rounds among the saloons. He entered many and found them all doing a flourishing business.

On going into the saloon of Thomas Fitzpatrick, among the men at the bar was John Gibbons, one of his parishioners, whom he had baptised and watched in growth from a boy. The indignant priest attacked Gibbons and thumped him soundly.

He beat him on the back and shoulders and drove him out of the saloon. While he was beating Gibbons the rest made a hasty exit. Gibbons left his hat behind and had to go home bare-headed.

Dean says he will make charges against all saloon keepers who were doing business.

In his sermon he said he went into one saloon, and hearing a female voice went into the rear room. There he saw one of Paterson's most prominent business men, drinking with a woman.

The clergyman described the business man so minutely that his hearers say he might as well have told his name.

SMALLPOX CAUSING SOME ALARM IN NEW YORK HOTELS AND STORES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The small-pox epidemic seems to be spreading. Three employees of big department stores were taken to hospitals Friday. Two family hotels in the upper west side have a sick list of twenty among their employees. The proprietor denies that they are suffering from small-pox.

The 1,400 employees of the Waldorf-Astoria have all been vaccinated.

STRIKING BAKERS THEMSELVES SUPPLY BREAD TO POOR FAMILIES TO AVOID SUFFERING

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Six hundred journeymen bakers quit work so suddenly yesterday that their employers were totally unprepared and many of them had to close their shops. There would have been a bread famine on the east side but for the thought of the striking bakers, who went to the rescue of thousands of families and supplied them with bread.

DEPUTY CONSTABLE AT PHOENIX KILLS A MEXICAN WHO RUNS AMUCK.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 31.—Amado Morales, a Mexican, ran amuck at Morenci. Deputy constable Kepler attempted to arrest him.

The Mexican drew a revolver and tried to shoot the officer, but the latter was too quick and killed Morales with his first shot.

THE GRAND DUKE OF SAXE WEIMAR SUFFERING FROM A COMPLICATION OF DISEASES.

WEIMAR, Dec. 31.—The condition of the grand duke of Saxe-Weimar, who is suffering from influenza complicated with inflammation of the lungs is very serious. The action of his heart is gravely weakening. His illness is painless but the worst is feared.

THE METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Bar silver 63%.

Mexican money quotations in El Paso today 49% @ 49%.

FOOTBALL GAME

AT ATHLETIC PARK TO-MORROW AFTERNOON

Will Be One of the Hottest Contests of the Season.—Las Cruces Has a Heavy Team.—Roxy Loomis and Peyton Edwards May Play.

All arrangements are now complete for the big football game to be played at Athletic Park tomorrow afternoon between the El Paso team and a team representing Las Cruces but which is composed of some of the best players from the college team which played here last Tuesday together with several old stars. The game will be a hard fought battle from the start and will be one of the best exhibitions of the manly sport ever given in this part of the country.

The El Paso boys have been hard at work for the past week and have improved their team work wonderfully and will be ready to play the game of their lives tomorrow. Las Cruces on the other hand will cutweigh the local team by an average of seven pounds. Stafford Campbell will again act as referee for the El Paso team and that is a guarantee of satisfaction to all parties concerned.

The south side of the gridiron will be reserved for carriages and an immense crowd is expected out to see the game which will be called at three o'clock rain or shine. Cream and crimson are the El Paso colors and everyone should wear them tomorrow and come out and root for the home team for they will be up against the strongest team in Mexico.

Roxie Loomis, than whom there is no better center rush in the west, has at last consented to get in the game again and will be seen in tomorrow's struggle to advantage. Lockhart going to guard. Peyton Edwards will be the next one to fall into line and will be out in a suit tomorrow and if occasion calls for it will be in the game after the first half. That the game tomorrow will be one of the fiercest ever played in the southwest is a fact conceded by all who are familiar with both teams. El Paso will need every rooter in the city to help him win. The yell is:

"Rickey Rack, Rickey Rack, Whe, Whe, Whe, Who Will? We Will El Pas-O."

Everybody should learn the yell and help the boys to win the game.

The teams will line up as follows:

El Paso	Position	Las Cruces
Loomis	center	Kingsley
Lockhart	R guard	Walker
Crawford	L guard	Freeman
M. McLaughlin	R tackle	Gambao
Davis, Capt	L tackle	Reush
Beall	R end	Sanford, Capt
W. Baird	L end	P. Ames
Williams	quarter	Banner
Bryant	R half back	D. Ames
E. Baird	L half back	Danburg
Stephens	full back	Sutherland

TWO PROMINENT SINGERS OF THE BOSTONIANS ARE VERY ILL IN DENVER.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31.—Two prominent singers of the Bostonian company are very ill in Denver with pneumonia. The company left last night for Omaha, but Miss Adele Rafter and Miss Belle Fremont did not go. The one is at Salt Lake hospital with pneumonia and the other in her rooms in the Tremont hotel with pneumonia complicated with pleurisy. Miss Fremont is in a dangerous condition. Physicians shake their heads gravely over her prospects. Miss Rafter is not considered in great danger, though pneumonia is so uncertain a disease that the physicians make no promises in advance.

MANY MINERS BELIEVED TO BE ENTOMBED IN AN EXPLODED COAL MINE.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 31.—A heavy explosion of gas occurred in the Hohlenbeck mine this morning. The colliery immediately took fire and it is reported that a great number of men are entombed.

KANSAS AND THE WEST GENERALLY STORM BOUND AND WIRES ARE DOWN.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31.—Storm and cold is general throughout the west. Trains are blocked in Kansas today and telegraph wires are down generally.

SERIOUS REVERSES

Suffered By the British In South Africa, With Heavy Losses.

MORE MEN NEEDED INTO THIS CITY

According to a Leading Newspaper and There Should Be More Mounted Men.

PRETORIA, Dec. 31.—Kitchener reports this morning that the Boers who captured Helvetia yesterday killed fifty Britons and captured two hundred.

The town has been reoccupied and the Boers driven back.

Call For 50,000 Men.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Daily Mail today says that disaster after disaster follows the British arms in South Africa and calls upon the government to send out quickly 50,000 mounted men.

TWO MEN SUFFOCATED IN A MINE AT VICTOR, COLORADO BY DEADLY GAS.

VICTOR, Colo., Dec. 31. Two men were suffocated in the 1,200 foot level of the John A. Logan mine on Bull Hill at 10 o'clock today by poisonous gas. One victim is shift boss John Connors and the other Fred Maudlin, a miner. Connors was unmarried, about thirty-five years of age, and was for several years chief ore sorter on the Independence mine.

Nothing is known of Maudlin. Coroner Dunn is investigating the case.

THE DANISH WEST INDIES WILL PROBABLY BE BOUGHT BY THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Danish West Indies will soon be transferred by treaty to the United States and a bill for their purchase at \$4,000,000 will soon be acted upon.

ROOSEVELT DECLINES TO MAKE ANY SPEECHES DURING HIS HUNTING TRIP.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31.—Vice president-elect Roosevelt writes the Y. M. C. A. declining to make any speeches during his lion hunt in Colorado next month.

THE SEWERS ARE GIVEN DOSES OF PILLS.

Novel Way of Cleaning the Mains.—The Brushes Are Working to Perfection.

The brushes for sweeping out the sewers of El Paso have been in successful operation for several weeks and work to perfection. "The majority of the sewer mains," said City Engineer Wimberley, this morning, "were not in a bad condition. Most of them were kept clean by the natural flow of water, but a pipe some distance in length in Rand's grove was pretty badly clogged up and it was there that the brushes were needed to do their most effective work."

"Throughout the principal portion of the city the sewers were clean and were not a menace to the health of the people of El Paso, as has been alleged. There are hundreds of cities throughout the country whose sewer systems are in a far worse condition than El Paso's has ever been in."

"We have a way of cleaning the sewers which I don't think has ever been mentioned by the papers."

"We give the sewers pills. These pills are made of sheet copper and their diameter is within an inch of that of the mains. They are dropped in at the man holes and being hollow float along with the current. The water is turned in behind them and as it attempts to wash past the pills there is a decided pressure on the bottom of the pipes and the sewers are thus scoured out. The brushes are then used to thoroughly cleanse the mains."

ANOTHER RAILROAD

The Choctaw Will Extend and Connect With the Santa Fe

IT WILL FORM ANOTHER SHORT TRUNK LINE TO THE EAST BY WAY OF MEMPHIS.

The news comes from St. Louis to the effect that the Choctaw road will soon begin work on an extension from Weatherford, Oklahoma, to a point on the Santa Fe near the Texas line.

Francis L. Gowan, president of the road, is quoted as follows: "The rapid development of the country having forced the matter, the company has decided to extend its line eighty-five miles westward from Weatherford, its present terminus, and also to build a branch road 120 miles in length, from a point near Hirthorne, in a south-westerly direction, to a point on the Atchison system near the southern boundary line of the Indian Territory. "Both lines will run through good agricultural country. A large coal tonnage is also assured to the branch line by contract under which the Atchison company will lease for five years coal for the larger part of its Texas lines."

"To provide the funds for the extensions the company has sold to a syndicate composed of Drexel & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., W. H. Newbolls Son & Co., and Edward B. Smith & Co., \$500,000 of its general mortgage bonds and also \$3,000,000 new bonds, which will be secured by a first mortgage lien on the present mileage. The road will be built by the Western Oklahoma Railroad company and purchased by the Choctaw company upon completion."

This will mean a close traffic arrangement between the Santa Fe and the Choctaw and virtually give El Paso another trunk line east to Memphis over a short line. This line runs through the richest coal fields in all the west and will get into El Paso in competition with New Mexico coal.

ADVERTISING THE CARNIVAL IN ARIZONA.

The Maricopa and Phoenix Road Announces a Cheap Rate, and the Car Goes Out There.

The carnival advertising car has gone over the most of New Mexico and will leave Albuquerque tomorrow for Arizona.

The general manager of the Maricopa and Phoenix road has announced a cheap rate to the carnival and has asked for advertising matter to distribute over his line. The committee will send the car over the line and place as much advertising as can be used in that territory.

Tickets are now on sale for the coronation of the queen, a function that will be something grand. It will be given at the opera house on the night of January 16.

THE SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET TONIGHT.

Action Will Probably Be Taken on the Plans For the New High School.

A meeting of the school board is scheduled for tonight at the superintendent's office in the city hall.

If it is held the plans of Architect Kneezell, will be fully discussed and modified or enlarged upon to suit the ideas of the members of the board.

It is not thought that any further action will be taken relative to the lots purchased by the board, as it is said the school trustees made the best possible selection of a high school site under the circumstances and that they now see no reason to regret the action already taken and have no desire to forfeit their option on the property.

BORN.

A girl baby arrived at the home of Ed Pew this morning.

MISS KELLY WINS

THE CONTEST FOR QUEEN OF THE COMING CARNIVAL

Exciting Times When the Final Ballot Was Taken, and Gold Pieces Were Poured Out On the Table in Glittering Piles.—The Best of Feeling Prevailed, and Everybody congratulates Everybody Else.

Miss Claire Kelly, the charming young daughter of P. A. Kelly, is queen of the El Paso Midwinter Carnival.

The contest closed at 10:30 Saturday night in the midst of a storm of enthusiasm, and the judges announced Miss Kelly the recipient of the highest honor El Paso ever bestowed upon a young lady.

The contest was the most spirited one ever seen in El Paso and probably the most good humored one. Long before the opening of the contest crowds began to gather in the corridors of the Sheldon hotel and clubs and consolidations of clubs began.

The count when the general ballots were counted at 7 o'clock gave Miss Kelly 10,013, Miss Trumbull 3,048 and Miss Schutz 2,421. With these figures in sight the supporters of Miss Trumbull and Miss Schutz had to put up over \$700 to place their candidates even with the leader. Money to do this was quickly raised and enough more to give the winner a close race, had not bluffing begun.

At 9:30 Senator Turney, chairman of the committee, announced that the balloting would be secret from then on and would close promptly at 10:30. Cheers followed the announcement and those interested began arranging their plans. At 10 o'clock the excitement began and it was amusing in the extreme. St. Ryan was the leader of the Kelly forces and J. S. Eldridge of Mexico championed the cause of Miss Trumbull. Miss Schutz had thrown her support to Miss Trumbull at the solicitation of many of the friends of the latter.

St. Ryan and Mr. Eldridge found their way to the judges' stand at 10:15 and the scene grew more interesting. Mr. Ryan drew a sack of gold from his grip and threw a thousand dollars on the table. While it was being counted Mr. Eldridge followed suit by putting up a hand full of bills. It looked big but counted small. Mr. Ryan thought they were working him and were going to put up too much money at the last moment so he threw up two large sacks of shining gold that frightened the supporters of Miss Trumbull out of the game. Mr. Ryan put up \$2900 at one time.

The count was made at 10:45, showing the vote at follows:

Miss Kelly	10,013
Miss Trumbull	3,048
Miss Schutz	2,421
Miss Beall	208
Miss James	187
Miss Catlin	72

Chairman Turney announced the election of Miss Kelly and cheers went up from every part of the house. The five next in order will be her maids of honor.

The Metropolitan orchestra was secured by the committee, who visited the homes of the fortunate young ladies and gave three cheers for each and followed it with music. First they visited Miss Kelly who asked for three cheers for the other contestants and thanked them for the honor bestowed upon her. Miss Trumbull did the same thing and called for cheers for Miss Kelly, whose first maid she is. Miss Schutz also thanked the committee and cheered for her queen and the maids of honor with her.

Miss Kelly was elected by fair open ballot, and the committee and the citizens generally extend congratulations on such an honor. She is one of the most popular young ladies in the city. She was once the queen of the carnival at Cripple Creek, Colorado, and graces the pedestal beautifully.

The conduct of some of those most interested since the closing of the contest has been admirable indeed. J. S. Eldridge, who knew little of either of the candidates, but who supported Miss Trumbull, congratulated all the contestants and yesterday sent Miss Kelly his congratulations especially. He also proved himself to be a good fellow by ordering wreaths of fine roses for each of the leaders. He sent to California yesterday for roses for Miss Kelly and said as she was elected over his influence he was going to do the right thing by furnishing her the wreath of flowers.

Others have done as well and even

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DIAMONDS AT CAPITAN

Just Discovered, According To Reports, and People are Wild.

IN VIRGIN PURITY

The Sparklers Shine, As Soon As the Concealing Crust Is Cut Away.

A rumor was afloat in this city Saturday night to the effect that a diamond mine had been discovered near Capitan, New Mexico, by New York parties.

The rumor was unconfirmed, but it had evidently gone abroad and created a sensation wherever it was circulated, for a number of dispatches from eastern papers were received yesterday by correspondents here asking for the facts.

It is alleged here that the mines were uncovered on Blow's property and that interested persons are anxious to keep the discovery a secret until further investigations have been made and all valuable claims in the vicinity staked out. For that reason news concerning the discovery is hard to get.

It is claimed by several persons that the Capitan diamond fields promise to rival those of South Africa and that as soon as the true story of the discovery becomes known to the country at large the rush of prospectors and capitalists will be unprecedented in the history of the southwest.

Rumor Confirmed. A dispatch direct from Capitan this afternoon confirms the rumor that diamonds have been found recently in that vicinity.

It says that several large gems of the highest quality have been taken out of the ground and that as a consequence the most intense excitement prevails there among mining men and others, who realize that extensive diamond fields would mean untold wealth.

The stones when first taken from the ground resembled ordinary pebbles, but when the outer crust was removed the sparklers were revealed in their virgin purity.

A BOLD BUNCO

BUNCO GAME IN JUAREZ. Strangers Are Warned Against the Smooth Young Fellows Who Offer a Sure Thing.

Among the games at the Plaza de Toros in Juarez is one of the most nifty bunco games ever seen in that city. It has only been open a few days and will, of course, be closed up when the management gets on to their way of doing business.

It is what is familiarly known as the stud poker game. The managers have two or three men to work the crowds and steer people against the game and none have yet come out with money. It is a straight out robbery. A man will go in and take a hand to play a few dollars. He gets a cinch at the first draw and gets all his money in. The man who runs the game puts out ten or fifteen dollars more and of course the new player can't call it for he is out of money. The bunco man then takes the money in and asks the player to leave the place.

The game is governed by no known rules except to get all the money that is put up and they usually do it. A negro hotel runner got into the game yesterday and caught a cinch. The boss raised him \$5 more but some Americans interfered and made them give his money back. The men behind the game are all Americans and it is said they are here to work at the Carnival.

NO BULL FIGHT YESTERDAY.

There were no bull fights in Juarez yesterday on account of the bad weather but all the usual games and other attractions were going at full blast at the plaza.

The crowds were about as good as usual but the day went off with little excitement.